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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7009**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1116

**NOTE PREPARED:** Feb 19, 2010

**BILL AMENDED:** Feb 18, 2010

**SUBJECT:** Worker's Compensation Doctor in Emergency.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Moseley

**FIRST SPONSOR:** Sen. Kruse

**BILL STATUS:** CR Adopted - 2<sup>nd</sup> House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X GENERAL  
X DEDICATED  
X FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) This bill provides that an employer or employer's insurance carrier may not delay the provision of emergency medical care for worker's compensation injuries or occupational disease disabilities whenever emergency medical care is considered necessary in the professional judgment of the attending health care facility physician.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2010.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** (Revised) The impact on the state of possible increased medical expenditures would be as an employer. In some cases the provision could increase the medical cost to the employer, but it could also reduce the cost if immediate care prevented long-term disabilities.

**Background:** The state's expenditures for medical expenses for worker's compensation cases were about \$8.0 M in FY 2009, \$9.2 M for FY 2008, and \$8.6 M for FY 2007.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** The impact on local units of possible increased medical expenditures would be as an employer. In some cases the provision could increase the medical cost to the employer, but it could also reduce the cost if immediate care prevented long-term disabilities

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** All.

**Local Agencies Affected:** All.

**Information Sources:** Auditors databases.

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